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January Cattle Inventory

Nevada: All cattle and calves in Nevada as of January 1, 2012 totaled 470,000 head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2011. Beef cows, at 236,000 head, were down slightly from last year. Milk cows, at 29,000 head, were up 4 percent from last year. All heifers, weighing 500 pounds and over, increased 13 percent from last year to 88,000 head. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 42,000 head, were up 5 percent from last year. Calves under 500 pounds, totaled 61,000 head, down 2 percent from last year. The 2011 calf crop was estimated at 215,000 head, up 2 percent from 2010.

United States: All cattle and calves as of January 1, 2012 totaled 90.8 million head, 2 percent below the 92.7 million on January 1, 2011. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952. All cows that have calved, at 39.1 million, were down 2 percent from the 40.0 million on January 1, 2011. Beef cows, at 29.9 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2011. Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2011. The 2011 calf crop was estimated at 35.3 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. This is the smallest calf crop since the 34.9 million born during 1950.

Cattle and Calves – Nevada and United States: January 1, 2011 and 2012

| Class of Livestock | Nevada | | | United States | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| | 2011 | 2012 | '12 as % of '11 | 2011 | 2012 | '12 as % of '11 |
| | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | percent | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | percent |
| All Cattle and Calves | 460 | 470 | 102 | 92,682.4 | 90,768.5 | 98 |
| All Cows that have Calved | 265 | 265 | 100 | 39,999.2 | 39,112.4 | 98 |
| Beef Cows | 237 | 236 | 100 | 30,849.6 | 29,882.9 | 97 |
| Milk Cows | 28 | 29 | 104 | 9,149.6 | 9,229.5 | 101 |
| Heifers 500 Lbs. + | 78 | 88 | 113 | 19,575.8 | 19,387.8 | 99 |
| Beef Replacement | 37 | 41 | 111 | 5,138.6 | 5,211.6 | 101 |
| Milk Replacement | 10 | 10 | 100 | 4,568.2 | 4,527.0 | 99 |
| Other Heifers | 31 | 37 | 119 | 9,869.0 | 9,649.2 | 98 |
| Steers 500 Lbs. + | 40 | 42 | 105 | 16,397.0 | 16,071.5 | 98 |
| Bulls 500 Lbs. + | 15 | 14 | 93 | 2,155.1 | 2,052.0 | 95 |
| Calves Under 500 Lbs. | 62 | 61 | 98 | 14,555.3 | 14,144.8 | 97 |

January Goat and Kid Inventory

Nevada: Meat and other goat inventory totaled 5,000 head, up 6 percent (300 head) from 2011. Angora goat and Milk goat inventories for Nevada are not published as there are too few producers.

United States: All goat inventory on January 1, 2012, totaled 2.86 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.38 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. Does one year old and older, at 1.78 million head, were 3 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 487 thousand head, down 5 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2011 totaled 1.88 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2010. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.36 million head on January 1, 2012, down 4 percent from 2011. Milk goat inventory was 360 thousand head while Angora goats were down 15 percent, totaling 146 thousand head.

Meat & Other Goat Inventory – Nevada and United States: January 1, 2011 and 2012

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 as % of 2011 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Nevada | 4,700 | 5,000 | 106 |
| United States | 2,464,000 | 2,356,000 | 96 |

January Sheep Inventory

Nevada: The January 1, 2012 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Nevada was 70,000 head, 2,000 head more than January 1, 2011. Breeding sheep and lambs, at 63,000 head, were up 9 percent from 2011. Market sheep and lambs, at 7,000 head, were down 3,000 head from 2011. The lamb crop was 47,000 head during 2011, up 5,000 head from 2010. Wool production in Nevada totaled 535 thousand pounds in 2011 compared with 520 thousand in 2010. Nevada wool brought an average price of \$1.90 per pound in 2011 making the wool value \$1,017,000, 40 percent more than the 2010 clip.

United States: All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2012, totaled 5.35 million head, down 2 percent from 2011. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2012, down 3 percent from 4.08 million head on January 1, 2011. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.16 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2012, totaled 1.37 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2011. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2011 lamb crop of 3.51 million head, was down 2 percent from 2010. The 2011 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2011, an increase of 2 percent from 2010. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2011 was 29.3 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2010. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.03 million head, also down 4 percent from 2010. The average price paid for wool sold in 2011 was a record high \$1.67 per pound for a total value of 48.9 million dollars, up 40 percent from 35.0 million dollars in 2010. Sheep death loss during 2011 totaled 240 thousand head, an increase of 4 percent from 2010. Lamb death loss increased 3 percent from 370 thousand head in 2010 to 380 thousand head in 2011.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory – Nevada and United States: January 1, 2011 and 2012

| Class of Livestock | Nevada | | | United States | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| | 2011 | 2012 | '12 as % of '11 | 2011 | 2012 | '12 as % of '11 |
| | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | percent | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | percent |
| All Sheep and Lambs | 68.0 | 70.0 | 103 | 5,480.0 | 5,345.0 | 98 |
| All Breeding Sheep & Lambs | 58.0 | 63.0 | 109 | 4,080.0 | 3,975.0 | 97 |
| Ewes | 46.0 | 49.0 | 107 | 3,225.0 | 3,155.0 | 98 |
| Rams | 2.0 | 2.0 | 100 | 190.0 | 170.0 | 89 |
| Replacement Lambs | 10.0 | 12.0 | 120 | 665.0 | 650.0 | 98 |
| All Market Sheep & Lambs | 10.0 | 7.0 | 70 | 1,400.0 | 1,370.0 | 98 |
| Market Sheep | 1.0 | 1.0 | 100 | 80.0 | 84.0 | 105 |
| Market Lambs | 9.0 | 6.0 | 67 | 1,320.0 | 1,286.0 | 97 |

Sheep and Lamb – Nevada and United States: 2010 and 2011

| | Nevada | | | United States | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | '11 as % of '10 | 2010 | 2011 | '11 as % of '10 |
| Lamb Crop (head) | 42,000 | 47,000 | 112 | 3,570,000 | 3,510,000 | 98 |
| Sheep Death Loss (head) | 5,000 | 5,000 | 100 | 230,000 | 240,000 | 104 |
| Lamb Death Loss (head) | 9,000 | 10,000 | 111 | 370,000 | 380,000 | 103 |
| Sheep Shorn (head) | 53,000 | 54,000 | 102 | 4,180,000 | 4,030,000 | 96 |
| Weight per Fleece (lbs) | 9.8 | 9.9 | 101 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 100 |
| Wool Production (lbs) | 520,000 | 535,000 | 103 | 30,370,000 | 29,290,000 | 96 |

Winter Wheat Seedings

Nevada: Winter wheat seeded area for harvest in 2012 is estimated at 19,000 acres, matching that of 2010.

United States: Planted area for harvest in 2012 is estimated at 41.9 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011 and 12 percent above 2010. Seeding began last September and ended the month behind the 5-year average as late row crop harvest delayed planting in many northern States. However, by the end of October, seeding had progressed slightly ahead of the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to higher prices and an acreage rebound in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas where dry conditions had limited 2011 planted acres.

Hay Prices

Nevada: The all hay price, at \$231.00 per ton, is up \$4.00 from December and up \$88.00 from last January. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$235.00 per ton, up \$5.00 from December and up \$90.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$150.00 per ton, is down \$10.00 from December and up \$35.00 from a year ago.

United States: The all hay price, at \$172 per ton, decreased \$5 from December but is \$60.00 higher than last January. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$192.00 per ton, and all other hay at \$127.00 per ton.

Hay Prices Received by Type measured in \$ per Ton – Select States and United States: January 2012

| State | All Hay | | | Alfalfa Hay | | | Other Hay ¹ | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Jan. 2011 | Dec. 2011 | Jan. 2012 | Jan. 2011 | Dec. 2011 | Jan. 2012 | Jan. 2011 | Dec. 2011 | Jan. 2012 |
| Arizona | 139.00 | 248.00 | 247.00 | 140.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 125.00 | 200.00 | 180.00 |
| California | 148.00 | 226.00 | 236.00 | 161.00 | 237.00 | 243.00 | 103.00 | 177.00 | 203.00 |
| Idaho | 133.00 | 226.00 | 218.00 | 135.00 | 228.00 | 220.00 | 106.00 | 150.00 | 140.00 |
| Nevada | 143.00 | 227.00 | 231.00 | 145.00 | 230.00 | 235.00 | 115.00 | 160.00 | 150.00 |
| Oregon | 151.00 | 216.00 | 218.00 | 144.00 | 250.00 | 239.00 | 160.00 | 175.00 | 195.00 |
| Utah | 109.00 | 198.00 | 187.00 | 109.00 | 200.00 | 191.00 | 99.00 | 160.00 | 153.00 |
| United States | 112.00 | 177.00 | 172.00 | 121.00 | 199.00 | 192.00 | 97.30 | 126.00 | 127.00 |

¹ Other hay is comprised of grain and grain mixtures, timothy, clover, wild, prairie, range, and other types.

Hay and Corn Silage Production

Nevada: All hay harvested acres is estimated at 450 thousand acres, down 4 percent from 2010. Production totaled 1,440 thousand tons, down 106 thousand tons from 2010. All hay yield was 3.2 tons per acre. Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 250 thousand acres, down 11 percent from 2010. Alfalfa yield increased .1 tons to 4.4 tons per acre, bringing total alfalfa production to 1,100 thousand tons for 2011. All other hay harvested totaled 200 thousand acres, up 10,000 acres from 2010. Total other hay production was down 1 percent, at 340 thousand tons. Corn silage harvested acreage, at 8,000 acres, was up 200 percent from 2010. The yield, at 25 tons per acre, was unchanged from last year. Corn silage production totaled 200 thousand tons.

United States: All dry hay production for 2011 is estimated at 131 million tons, down 10 percent from 2010. This is the lowest production level since 1988. Area harvested is estimated at 55.6 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. The average yield, at 2.36 tons per acre, is down 0.07 ton from the previous year. Alfalfa production in 2011 is estimated at 65.3 million tons, down 4 percent from 2010. Harvested area, at 19.2 million acres, is 4 percent below the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 3.40 tons per acre. All other hay production totaled 65.8 million tons, 15 percent below 2010. Harvested area, at 36.4 million acres, is down 9 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at 1.81 tons per acre. Corn silage production is estimated at 109 million tons, up 2 percent from 2010. The corn silage yield is estimated at 18.4 tons per acre, down 0.9 ton from 2010. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 5.93 million acres, up 6 percent from a year ago.

Hay and Corn Silage Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – Nevada and United States: 2010 - 2011

| | 2010 | | | 2011 | | |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| | Acres | Yield | Production | Acres | Yield | Production |
| | 1,000 acres | Tons per acre | 1,000 tons | 1,000 acres | Tons per acre | 1,000 tons |
| Nevada | | | | | | |
| All Hay | 470 | 3.29 | 1,546 | 450 | 3.20 | 1,440 |
| Alfalfa Hay | 280 | 4.30 | 1,204 | 250 | 4.40 | 1,100 |
| All Other Hay | 190 | 1.80 | 342 | 200 | 1.70 | 340 |
| Corn for Silage | 4 | 25.0 | 100 | 8 | 25.0 | 200 |
| United States | | | | | | |
| All Hay | 59,872 | 2.43 | 145,624 | 55,633 | 2.36 | 131,144 |
| Alfalfa Hay | 19,996 | 3.40 | 67,971 | 19,213 | 3.40 | 65,332 |
| All Other Hay | 39,906 | 1.95 | 77,653 | 36,420 | 1.81 | 65,812 |
| Corn for Silage | 5,567 | 19.3 | 107,314 | 5,928 | 18.4 | 108,926 |

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Quarterly Milk Production

Nevada: The October - December 2011 quarterly milk production totaled 161 million pounds, 2.5 percent above last year's 157 million pounds. Milk cows totaled 29,000 head during the last quarter of 2011.

United States: Milk production during the October - December quarter totaled 48.7 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.22 million head, 86,000 head more than the same period last year.

January Weather Summary

January temperatures were warmer than average. Reno recorded a high of 69 degrees for the month. Elko recorded a low of -10 degrees for the month. More precipitation was recorded in January than in December, but recorded amounts were still below normal. All stations recorded some precipitation. Reno recorded the most with 1.54 inches. Most Nevada snow packs are below normal levels for this time of year. Cattle marketing continued. Onion processing was ongoing. Main farm and ranch activities include: equipment maintenance and feeding livestock.

Weather data for stations in Nevada: January 2012

| Station | Temperature (°F) | | | | Precipitation (inches) | | |
|------------|------------------|-----------------------|------|-----|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | Monthly Avg. | Departure from Normal | High | Low | Monthly Total | Departure from Normal | Greatest 24 Hour |
| Reno | 38.9 | 5.3 | 69 | 8 | 1.54 | 0.48 | 0.92 |
| Elko | 29.1 | 4.0 | 60 | -10 | 0.96 | -0.16 | 0.48 |
| Ely | 31.0 | 5.7 | 63 | -5 | 0.67 | -0.03 | 0.50 |
| Winnemucca | 31.2 | 1.1 | 63 | -5 | 0.75 | -0.12 | 0.38 |
| Eureka | 31.1 | 7.3 | 63 | -8 | 0.21 | -0.53 | 0.11 |
| Tonopah | 36.0 | 3.5 | 63 | 4 | 0.18 | -0.31 | 0.11 |
| Las Vegas | 50.6 | 1.9 | 68 | 34 | Trace | -0.54 | Trace |